

HOUSE BILL 4070

By Johnson C

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39
and Title 44, relative to animals, the disposition of
animals and offenses involving animals.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 44-17-120, is amended by deleting subsection (b) and substituting instead the following:

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), in counties having a population in excess of one hundred and five thousand (105,000), according to the 2000 federal census or any subsequent federal census, a municipality or county is authorized to adopt local ordinances authorizing the municipality or the county to appropriately petition in a general sessions court to provide for the disposition of dangerous dogs and/or dogs causing death or serious injury to humans or other animals.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.